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IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
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SERIAL NO: 10/070,415 :  
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FOR: DETECTION OF NUCLEIC ACID :  
ASSOCIATED WITH DISEASE

AMENDMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated March 24, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 7 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 12 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.

**Remarks** begin on page 13 of this paper.